

# Italy and the Red Cross!

None of the allied nations fought with greater courage and heroism and against greater difficulties than Italy. The fact that her strong mountain positions were in the hands of the enemy rendered her front particularly vulnerable.

What was the situation of the Italian armies one year ago last month? After fighting doggedly for months against a resourceful enemy, who was not only using every means of dishonorable warfare, but was also sowing seeds of dissension among the soldiers and their families at home, they succeeded in advancing their lines to a position which seemed tenable, for the balance of the winter, at least.

You will recall that the Austrians, with that cunning and duplicity which was so characteristic of their warfare, soon resorted to more effective means of thwarting their adversary. They began to fraternize, exchange courtesies, offer the Italians cigarettes, tobacco, nice things to eat, and told the soldiers how their families were starving at home and how utterly hopeless it was for them to continue the struggle.

The Italians with characteristic hospitality exchanged greetings and were credulous enough to take the Austrians at their word. They had promised not to fight and agreed to lay down their arms and be brothers. They proceeded to pass the Italians the milk of human kindness. What did they do? That night at an appointed hour on a given signal a number of fresh German divisions (German, remember), who had been held in reserve for this very situation, broke through and threatened the annihilation of the Italian main army. The story of the rout has been written, and competent observers tell us it was the most appalling and chaotic in the annals of military history. The attack was so sudden and complete that a large part of the civilian population had no time to make their escape. Those who could travel at all picked up what few things they could get their hands on and ran for their lives. The roads were crowded with women with babes in their arms, old men and children, so that there was scarcely room to move the heavy artillery, and, by the way, a large number of Italy's most effective weapons were lost. The Austrian aviators took advantage of this congestion and proceeded to bomb the roads and bridgeheads, committing the most dastardly, outrageous crimes against non-belligerents.

That, briefly, is the story of the retreat.

After this terrible reverse, what was it that steadied the nerve and strengthened the morale of the Italian army? You know what it was. What organization had the food, the supplies, the men and the women and the money to step in there and bring order out of chaos? What was it that Italy lacked more than all else in her army and among her people at this critical time? Morale, of course. Who restored the morale? Ask the Italians. Their answer is the highest tribute that can be paid to any organization. The Red Cross gave the Italian people restored confidence in the army, and it is a fact that if it had not been for the work of the Red Cross in Italy, the Italian army probably would never have been able later to strike the blow against the Austrians which was so essential to victory on the western front.

All honor to the Red Cross! All honor to the brave heroes of Italy, who fought so bravely to save their beloved homeland, fought to save the land that gave birth to Michelangelo, Dante, Garibaldi, Giotto and the outstanding figure of contemporaneous Italian literature, the brave and chivalrous poet-aviator D'Annunzio.

You Italians of Barre, who love and honor the land that gave you birth, its traditions and its notable contribution to the progress of civilization, can you withhold your moral support from the "Great Mother of Mercy," who in your hour of distress gave so unsparingly of her great treasure? The Red Cross will always be a symbol of love and sympathy to you, and will be linked for all time with the history of your beloved country. Now is the opportunity for you to show your appreciation; not in money: oh, no; just your heart. That's all she wants.

"Italia, fair Italia, where'er your sons may roam,  
They'll be thinking of the Red Cross, and what it means to home."

## CITTADINI DELLA LINGUA ITALIANA

La Bandiera italiana sventola assieme alla bandiera stellata americana. Le lotte epiche dell'Italia per la liberazione dell'Europa non sono seconde a quelle degli Alleati. La Croce Rossa estende a tutti la sua opera di carità e di aiuto. Non vorrete voi aiutare la Croce Rossa, come faceste pei Liberty Bonds, divenendo membro della Croce Rossa per un anno con \$1.00? Tutto ciò che abbisogna è del cuore e un dollaro. Vi sono migliaia di soldati degli alleati negli ospedali e nelle prigioni dei campi e s'affidano sulla Croce Rossa per simpatia ed assistenza. Arruolatevi oggi — Voi avete il dollaro — Non abbisogna che il cuore.

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### TO ATTEND SOCIALIST CONGRESS.

Argentina to Have Representatives in Meeting in Europe.

Buenos Aires, Tuesday, Dec. 17.—Juan Justo, socialist leader in the Argentine Chamber of Deputies, and his colleagues, Delomasso, have been appointed by the socialist party to attend the coming international socialist congress in Europe.

The party has decided on a platform providing for a society of nations based upon free trade, disarmament, abolition of international diplomacy and popular control of parliamentary action on international questions. The party sanctions effective action against nations violating decisions of the tribunal to be set up by the proposed international society.

### WAR REVENUE BILL PROGRESSES.

It Is Likely to Be Passed by Senate Before Christmas.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Although important sections of the war revenue bill remain to be disposed of, Senate leaders were confident to-day that the measure can be passed before the Christmas recess. Some predicted that the bill levying taxes for both 1919 and 1920 will reach a final vote before the end of the week.

The major sections yet to be considered include the 1920 schedule which are opposed by the Republicans, the income normal rates, virtually all of the excess profits section, the insurance taxes, the estate and inheritance taxes, the child labor amendment luxury taxes.

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## A NEW POLAND IS PROPOSED

Poland, Bohemia and Jugoslavia Would Be Included

### HUNGARY DESIRES TO BE ADMITTED

New Country Would Contain Prussian Territory Inhabited by Poles

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The Polish government has proposed that a treaty be signed by Poland, Bohemia and Jugoslavia, says the National Zeitung of Paris, according to a dispatch received to-day. Grabek, a national democrat of Poland, is the leader in the planned convention, which would include military, railway and commercial agreements, closely uniting this group of new states to the nations of the entente powers. Poland would include all Prussian territory inhabited by Poles, who would number in the new country about 35,000,000. Hungary, according to the National Zeitung, which is considered pro-Austrian, desires to be included in the alliance and it is reported that the same is being found in Vienna.

### HARDWICK STREET

George King had one shoulder injured quite badly recently by having the limb of a tree fall on it while working in the woods.

Mrs. Lydia Renault has returned from St. Johnsbury hospital much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Underwood have gone for a ten days' stay in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. C. R. Russell has returned from Malden, Mass., where she has been visiting her mother.

Mrs. May Olmstead visited her mother, Mrs. Sweet, at Hardwick, Saturday.

Mrs. S. A. Philbrook of East Hardwick is at Ned Underwood's for a few days.

Mrs. G. E. Warner was the guest of Mrs. Deb— Pay at East Hardwick Tuesday.

### WEST TOPSHAM

Miss Bessie Percival has a friend from Jericho visiting her.

Rev. and Mrs. Merrier were in Barre Tuesday.

Sherwood Williams was home from Goddard seminary Dec. 8.

Mrs. Margaret Smith is in Graniteville, caring for Mrs. McLeod. Her sister, Mrs. Josie Waldo, is keeping house for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hanson and children, Shirley and Ivan, of East Barre were recent visitors at Maynard Williams.

Sadie M. Bagley was in Barre last week Wednesday on business.

Ira, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Emerson, is in the Barre hospital, where he underwent an operation Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Macia of Bradford have moved into the house known as the Rice house.

The warm weather which we have been having has broken up the sleighing.



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**KEEP YOUR PLEDGE!**

### NORTH CALAIS

Mrs. Mary Goss of Montpelier will be at Memorial hall next Saturday afternoon, Dec. 21, to inspect the work of Stowe Relief corps, No. 36. It is hoped that every member who can possibly do so will be there. Bring your lunch and stay in the evening for the regular meeting.

Miss V. M. Scribner, head nurse at the B. M. hospital in Memphis, Tenn., is visiting at the home of her brother for an indefinite time on account of several weeks' illness with influenza. She is not able to resume her duties.

Mrs. Julia Gallison, who has been visiting at the home of her son, Leo Paine, left Thursday for her home in Westfield, Mass.

Carl Fair of Woodbury was the guest of Wayne Scribner Sunday.

Lavake Almsworth was in Adamant Saturday.

F. A. Scribner and son, Wayne, were in Hardwick Monday.

Miss Jennie Fair and Mrs. Mary Fair of Woodbury were in town Saturday. Mrs. Dora Holmes has returned after a several weeks' stay with friends in Barre.

Willard Dailey of Adamant spent two days with his mother, Mrs. S. F. Dailey, recently.

Ralph Hill is home from his work in Montpelier for the Christmas holidays. F. A. Scribner was in Montpelier Friday.

Dennis Lawson was in Hardwick Saturday.

Mrs. Lillian Slayton of Montpelier was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Loungue were recent visitors in Marshfield. Leon Lapoint visited his brother in Woodbury Sunday.

Mrs. Florence White was in Hardwick Monday.

T. J. Little of Barre was at I. S. Tabor's Friday.

E. H. Tucker of Montpelier was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Rickard and Mrs. Fred Hoar of Adamant were in town Saturday to attend the W. R. C. meeting.

Mrs. Emily Powers is in Barre to visit her son, Henry Powers.

Mrs. Maidens Walbridge Bolton of Cabot is a guest at Isaac Tabor's.

Charles Scribner was in Montpelier Friday.

W. J. Dailey and C. A. Holt were in Hardwick Friday.

The W. R. C. met at their hall on Saturday and elected their officers for the ensuing year.

### Nothing Doing.

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—Boston Transcript.

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